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DEPT PLS PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. KISSINGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST POLICY

1. IN TOASTING SYG WALDHEIM AT SECURITY COUNCIL LUNCHEON TODAY, I ALLUDED TO HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST. I SAID WE DID NOT EXPECT MIRACLES BUT HOPED VISIT COULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND COULD PRODUCE POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. I ADDED I BELIEVED ALL MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL SHARED BY SENTIMENT IN WISHING HIM WELL.

2. WALDHEIM IN RESPONSE REPEATED HIS LINE THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP IS NOT TO FIND SOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM BUT TO CONSULT WITH PARTIES, ASSESS SITUATION, AND "CONTRIBUTE MODESTLY" TO EFFORTS FOR PEACE. WITH COURTEOUS REFERENCE TO MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL, HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT SC DEMONSTRATED LAST WEEK ITS ABILITY TO REACH CONSTRUCTIVE UNANIMOUS DECISION. HE ARGUED THAT ROLE OF SC, WHICH WORKS IN PUBLIC, IS COMPLEMENTARY TO CAPABILITY OF SYG TO ENGAGE IN QUIET DIPLOMACY.

3. WALDHEIM LATER TOLD ME PRIVATELY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH ME ABOUT HIS TRIP BEFORE HIS SATURDAY DEPARTURE AND THAT HE WOULD WELCOME ANY COUNSEL DR. KISSINGER WISHED TO RELAY THROUGH ME AS TO HIS TACTICS. I SAID I WOULD LET DR. KISSINGER KNOW.
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4. COMMENT: I THINK IT DESIRABLE THAT I PASS ON SOME COUNSEL FROM DR. KISSINGER PERHAPS ENCOURAGEMENT TO DO EXACTLY WHAT WALDHEIM PROFESSES HE INTENDS TO DO, PLUS WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT GOING TOO FAR. WALDHEIM CLEARLY

ANXIOUS TO GET ON GOOD FOOTING WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE
AND WILL PROBABLY BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO ADVICE NOW THAN
HE WILL BE LATER, TO PROVE HE WANTS SUPER RELATIONS
WITH KISSINGER.
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